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25X1 1. [] Received a call from Ann Cunningham, in the office of Senator Kenneth E. Keating, who was inquiring about the Director's termination authority as contained in section 102(c) of the National Security Act. I discussed this authority with Miss Cunningham. It developed that she was primarily interested in knowing whether or not the Director's authority could be delegated. I advised her that by the Agency's interpretation of this section this authority was limited to the Director, or in his absence, to the Acting Director but was not otherwise delegable. Miss Cunningham said she was interested in this aspect of the Director's authority in connection with H.R. 950, a similar bill concerning the possible termination of NSA employees. This bill places the authority in the Secretary of Defense subject to delegation. Miss Cunningham said that Senator Keating was concerned (as were some members of the House at the time of the House vote) that the delegation of this authority might result in some abuses. I suggested she talk with [] Legal Advisor for NSA.

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25X1 2. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and requested any information we might be in a position to provide with respect to the NATO representative who was arrested by the French and who at one time worked in the Defense Ministry. Murphy has discussed this case with the AEC but would like any information we might have. This is being referred to CI Staff.

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25X1 4. [] Russ Fee telephoned to say he had gotten word that the American Broadcasting Corporation is asking various Senators to participate in a panel show relating to the CIA and specifically in connection with a congressional watchdog committee. Senator Saltonstall was one of those who was asked and he has demurred from it.

25X1 5. [] Picked up from Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, material which he had obtained from the Minister of Health from []
25X1A This is being forwarded to WH Division for information. Sourwine said for the record he wished this to be retained as Internal Security Subcommittee material on indefinite loan to the Agency and not subject to recall. Sourwine asked that the Minister of Health be protected as a source of this material. Material sent to [] WH, 3B17 HQ.

25X1 6. [] Received from Russ Fee of Senate Preparedness Subcommittee a copy of the unsanitized report on the test ban treaty which had been inadvertently released. Sent same to Mr. [] OSI. 25X1

25X1 7. [] Talked further with Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, concerning a reply by Mr. Mahon to General Carter's letter of 29 August 1963. Michaels indicated that the Defense bill is so close to final action in the Senate that he would prefer to hold off any response to us at this time. Also, pursuant to discussion with [] of the Budget Division advised Mr. Michaels that in a new authorization letter for September and October it would appear appropriate to include about [] for the special project. Mr. Michaels said this would be fine; however, since there is a possibility of final action on the DOD bill before the end of September he assumed we would be in no difficulty for September if there were no additional letter. I indicated I assumed this was all right and if there was any problem I would be in touch.

25X1 8. [] Talked with Francis Hewitt to see if he could shed any light on how the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee had handled the [] for the Agency. Mr. Hewitt was unable to shed any light on this and said he hoped that Senator Russell was in possession of the full facts. I indicated our previous briefing of Bill Darden at Chairman Russell's request and a subsequent follow-up letter to Russell containing the basic information. 25X1A

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